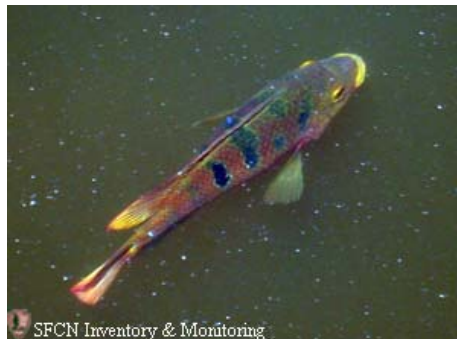


Qualifications

Interested students should be comfortable working independently on task orientated-type projects and must be able to transport themselves to and from the office (address below). Additionally, students must have completed two years of undergraduate schooling and be in good academic standing with the University.



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Additional Info

Dr. Kevin Whelan, Network Ecologist will help you further your research or assist you in forming a research topic.

Students will be concentrating on water quality, exotic plants, and Everglades' fauna issues. We are willing to work around your class schedules.

Independent Study class requires approximately 53 hours of work per credit hour. It is the responsibility of the student to keep a record of hours worked.

Students are required to produce a report summarizing their work accomplished during the independent study.



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Undergraduate Independent Study Program with the National Park Service



Independent Study / Internship

What: An Internship and independent study class (EVR 4905) for FIU Department of Environmental Studies students (1 to 3 credits).



Where: The National Park Service South Florida / Caribbean Inventory & Monitoring Network.

When: Starting next semester and lasting up to one year.

Why: Because you are interested in performing serious research in South Florida ecosystems, gaining hands on experience working with National Park scientists, or in starting a final project focusing on resource management issues.

How: by emailing Dr. Kevin Whelan at kevin_r_whelan@nps.gov or calling him at 305 252 0347.

What You'll Do

Students may work on a number of projects related to the management of natural resources in **Everglades National Park**, **Biscayne National Park**, **Dry Tortugas National Park** or **Big Cypress National Preserve**. Both office and field work may be preformed. Typical tasks preformed in the office include: data input, GIS data manipulation, data analysis, cataloging files, data, and reprints. Typical tasks performed while in the field include assisting with data collection, maintenance/care of field equipment, and sample collections. Student should be comfortable working independently on task orientated type projects. Work will require basic knowledge of biology, ecology and computers.



Who We Are



The South Florida / Caribbean Network is one of thirty-two National Inventory & Monitoring Networks charged with inventorying and monitoring natural resources within National Park Service lands. It collects natural resource data in an effort to drive long-term management of seven national parks in South Florida and the Caribbean. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/sfcn/>.

Volunteer program director, Dr. Kevin Whelan is affiliated faculty in the Environmental Studies Department at Florida International University and has 13 years of research experience working in South Florida ecosystems.